# 06\_optimization\_logistic\_regression

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## 1 Programming assignment 6: Optimization: Logistic regression

#### 1.1 Your task

In this notebook code skeleton for performing logistic regression with gradient descent is given. Your task is to complete the functions where required. You are only allowed to use built-in Python functions, as well as any numpy functions. No other libraries / imports are allowed.

For numerical reasons, we actually minimize the following loss function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{N} NLL(\mathbf{w}) + \lambda ||\mathbf{w}||_2^2$$

where  $NLL(\mathbf{w})$  is the negative log-likelihood function, as defined in the lecture (Eq. 33)

## 1.2 Load and preprocess the data

In this assignment we will work with the UCI ML Breast Cancer Wisconsin (Diagnostic) dataset https://goo.gl/U2Uwz2.

Features are computed from a digitized image of a fine needle aspirate (FNA) of a breast mass. They describe characteristics of the cell nuclei present in the image. There are 212 malignant examples and 357 benign examples.

```
In [2]: X, y = load_breast_cancer(return_X_y=True)

# Add a vector of ones to the data matrix to absorb the bias term
X = np.hstack([np.ones([X.shape[0], 1]), X])

# Set the random seed so that we have reproducible experiments
np.random.seed(123)
```

```
# Split into train and test
test_size = 0.3
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=test_size)
```

#### 1.3 Task 1: Implement the sigmoid function

```
In [3]: def sigmoid(t):
    """
    Applies the sigmoid function elementwise to the input data.

Parameters
------
t: array, arbitrary shape
    Input data.

Returns
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t_sigmoid: array, arbitrary shape.
    Data after applying the sigmoid function.
"""
return 1 / (1 + np.exp(-t))
```

### 1.4 Task 2: Implement the negative log likelihood

As defined in Eq. 33

```
In [3]: def negative_log_likelihood(X, y, w, eps=1e-15):
            Negative Log Likelihood of the Logistic Regression.
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
               Classification targets.
            w : array, shape [D]
                Regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
            Returns
            _____
            nll:float
                The negative log likelihood.
            loss = -np.sum(y * np.log(sigmoid(np.dot(X, w)) + eps) +
                                                (1 - y) *
                                                np.log(1 - sigmoid(np.dot(X, w)) + eps),
                                                axis=0)
```

#### return loss

#### 1.4.1 Computing the loss function $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$ (nothing to do here)

```
In [5]: def compute_loss(X, y, w, lmbda):
             Negative Log Likelihood of the Logistic Regression.
             Parameters
             _____
             X : array, shape [N, D]
                 (Augmented) feature matrix.
             y : array, shape [N]
                 Classification targets.
             w : array, shape [D]
                 Regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
             lmbda : float
                 \it L2\ regularization\ strength.
             Returns
             _____
             loss : float
                 Loss of the regularized logistic regression model.
             # The bias term w[0] is not regularized by convention
             return negative_log_likelihood(X, y, w) / len(y) + lmbda * np.linalg.norm(w[1:])
1.5 Task 3: Implement the gradient \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})
```

Make sure that you compute the gradient of the loss function  $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w})$  (not simply the NLL!)

```
In [2]: def get_gradient(X, y, w, mini_batch_indices, lmbda):
            Calculates the gradient (full or mini-batch) of the negative log likelilhood w.r.t
            Parameters
            _____
            X : array, shape [N, D]
                (Augmented) feature matrix.
            y : array, shape [N]
                Classification targets.
            w : array, shape [D]
                Regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
            mini_batch_indices: array, shape [mini_batch_size]
                The indices of the data points to be included in the (stochastic) calculation
                This includes the full batch gradient as well, if mini_batch_indices = np.aran
            lmbda: float
```

 $Regularization\ strentgh.\ lmbda\ =\ O\ means\ having\ no\ regularization.$ 

Returns

Returns

```
dw : array, shape [D]
                Gradient w.r.t. w.
            grad_data = np.zeros_like(w)
            grad_data = np.sum(np.expand_dims((-y[mini_batch_indices] *
                                                (1 - sigmoid(np.dot(X[mini_batch_indices, :],
                                                                    w)))),
                                               axis=1) * X[mini_batch_indices, :] +
                               np.expand_dims(((1 - y[mini_batch_indices]) *
                                                (sigmoid(np.dot(X[mini_batch_indices, :], w))))
                                               axis=1) * X[mini_batch_indices, :], axis=0)
            grad_data = grad_data * 1 / len(mini_batch_indices)
            grad_reg = 2 * lmbda * w
            grad = grad_data + grad_reg
            return grad
1.5.1 Train the logistic regression model (nothing to do here)
In [20]: def logistic_regression(X, y, num_steps, learning_rate, mini_batch_size, lmbda, verboater)
             Performs logistic regression with (stochastic) gradient descent.
             Parameters
             _____
             X : array, shape [N, D]
                 (Augmented) feature matrix.
             y : array, shape [N]
                 Classification targets.
             num_steps : int
                 Number of steps of gradient descent to perform.
             learning_rate: float
                 The learning rate to use when updating the parameters w.
             mini_batch_size: int
                 The number of examples in each mini-batch.
                 If mini_batch_size=n_train we perform full batch gradient descent.
             lmbda: float
                 Regularization strentgh. lmbda = 0 means having no regularization.
             verbose : bool
```

Whether to print the loss during optimization.

```
w : array, shape [D]
    Optimal regression coefficients (w[0] is the bias term).
trace: list
    Trace of the loss function after each step of gradient descent.
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trace = [] # saves the value of loss every 50 iterations to be able to plot it la
n_train = X.shape[0] # number of training instances
w = np.zeros(X.shape[1]) # initialize the parameters to zeros
# run gradient descent for a given number of steps
for step in range(num_steps):
    permuted_idx = np.random.permutation(n_train) # shuffle the data
    # go over each mini-batch and update the paramters
    # if mini_batch_size = n_train we perform full batch GD and this loop runs on
    for idx in range(0, n_train, mini_batch_size):
        # get the random indices to be included in the mini batch
        mini_batch_indices = permuted_idx[idx:idx+mini_batch_size]
        gradient = get_gradient(X, y, w, mini_batch_indices, lmbda)
        # update the parameters
        w = w - learning_rate * gradient
    # calculate and save the current loss value every 50 iterations
    if step % 2000 == 0:
        loss = compute_loss(X, y, w, lmbda)
        trace.append(loss)
        # print loss to monitor the progress
        if verbose:
            print('Step {0}, loss = {1:.4f}'.format(step, loss))
return w, trace
```

#### 1.6 Task 4: Implement the function to obtain the predictions

```
A binary array of predictions.
"""
return np.where(np.dot(X, w) > 0, 1, 0)
```

### 1.6.1 Full batch gradient descent

```
In [22]: # Change this to True if you want to see loss values over iterations.
         verbose = True
In [23]: n_train = X_train.shape[0]
         w_full, trace_full = logistic_regression(X_train,
                                                   y_train,
                                                   num_steps=8000,
                                                   learning_rate=1e-5,
                                                   mini_batch_size=n_train,
                                                   lmbda=0.1,
                                                   verbose=verbose)
Step 0, loss = 0.7428
Step 2000, loss = 0.2420
Step 4000, loss = 0.2272
Step 6000, loss = 0.2224
In [32]: n_train = X_train.shape[0]
         w_minibatch, trace_minibatch = logistic_regression(X_train,
                                                             y_train,
                                                             num_steps=8000,
                                                             learning_rate=1e-5,
                                                             mini_batch_size=50,
                                                             lmbda=0.1,
                                                             verbose=verbose)
Step 0, loss = 0.6347
Step 2000, loss = 0.2244
Step 4000, loss = 0.2103
Step 6000, loss = 0.2085
```

Our reference solution produces, but don't worry if yours is not exactly the same.

```
Full batch: accuracy: 0.9240, f1_score: 0.9384 Mini-batch: accuracy: 0.9415, f1_score: 0.9528
```

